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REMARKS OF JAS. DUDLEY MORGAN, M.D.,
BEFORE THE SOCIETY MARCH 10, 1902,
IN EXHIBITING A UNIQUE PICTURE
OF DUDDINGTON, THE RESIDENCE
OF DANIEL CARROLL.

This framed picture of Duddington with the historical souvenirs imbedded in the mat of the picture, was presented to the speaker (J. D. Morgan) by John M. McCalla. The woodwork of the frame is made from the chair rail in the grand hall at Duddington; the large nails imbedded in the mat are from the rafters of the roof; the sash catch is from the window in the room of Elenora Carroll (Digges), and the key is from the entrance door of the bed-room of Daniel Carroll. The inscription at the bottom, giving a short history of Duddington, was written by Mrs. Nora Digges Morgan, the granddaughter of Daniel Carroll.

The residence of Daniel Carroll, as you know, was first started to be built in what afterwards proved to be the middle of New Jersey Avenue, southeast; this was "before the agreement between the Government and the parties took place," and it had progressed as far as the first floor above the foundation walls.

From the reading of extracts from the letters of the Commissioners and L'Enfant, parts of which are exhibited, the controversy seems to have been over the continuance of the building above the first story. Daniel Carroll of Duddington was a second cousin of Daniel Carroll of Rock Creek, the Commissioner.

EXHIBIT 1.

Letter of the Commissioners to L'Enfant.

26th Novn. 1791—GR.TOWN.

Sir,

On our meeting this day, we were equally surprised, and concerned to find that you had proceeded to demolish Mr. Carroll's house. We were impelled by many considerations to give immediate directions to those acting in your absence to desist. We must observe to you, that allowing the measure to have been absolutely necessary, and such an one as Mr. Carroll might be compelled to acquiesce in from the terms he has entered into; still our opinions ought to have been previously taken on a subject so delicate and so interesting.

We are Sir,

Your Ob't. Serv'ts.

DD. STUART,

DANL. CARROLL.

} *Commissioners.*

EXHIBIT 2.

Extracts of a Letter from L'Enfant to the Commissioners.

GEORGETOWN, December 6, 1791.

Gents:

On my return from Acquia where I had made purchase of a quarrie ground conformably to what had been agreed at your previous meeting—I received your favour of the 26 November, informing me you had given direction to the gentlemen acting in my absence to desist from demolishing a house Mr. Carroll of Duddington was about building.

Conceiving from this circumstance you supposed these gentlemen were acting of their own accord—or that you must have lost sight of the peculiar circumstance condemning Mr. Carroll's of Duddington undertaking—I must here in justice to these gentlemen testify that I had given them positive

orders for pulling down the house, the removal of which had become necessary & wishing you not to misconceive the motives which determined me to the measure & which have made me purpose in it with steady activity since my return to this place I will state to you the following particular.

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P. S.

I have ordered the rubbish to be cleared out of the Foundation of the House demolished & directed this foundation should remain for your inspection as that part of the building having been used previous to the compact between the publick & Individuals Mr. Carroll is entitled to reimbursement for that part; I request therefore you will settle with him for that foundation which it is necessary should be soon removed.